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HW DANANG'S 112 TO SAIGON AUG 31, 1967 REPEATED TO YOU FOR YOUR ACTION/INFO.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L DANANG 112

SUBJECT: AN QUANG BUDDHIST VOTE

1. IN SECOND 11TH HOUR MOVE IN THREE DAYS, AND QUANG BUDDHIST HAVE APPARENTLY DECIDED TO SUPPORT PHAN-KHAC-SUU FOR PRESIDENT INSTEAD OF TRAN-VAN-HUONG AS REPORTED IN REGION I SITREP. ACCORDING TO THUA THIEN POLICE CHIEF DOAN-CONG-LAP, AT 1400 HOURS, AUG 30 THICH-DON-HAU RECEIVED LETTER FROM THICH-TRI-QUANG

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INFORMING HIM THAT CONTRARY TO POSITION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN TO SUPPORT HUONG (AND ANNOUNCED IN AUG 28 MEETING AT TU DAM POGADA) AN QUANG UBA WOULD SUPPORT SUU.

2. IN SENATE RACE THERE WERE ALSO SOME CHANGES. LISTS OF MRS. TRAN-VAN-VAN AND PHAM-BA-CAM WERE NOT TO BE SUPPORTED AND THOSE OF TRAN-VAN-DO (#17) AND VU-QUOC-THUC (#4) WERE TO BE SUPPORTED IN THEIR PLACE. AUG 31 LEAFLETS APPEARED, ATTRIBUTED TO BUDDHISTS LISTING PHAN-KHAC-SUU FOR PRESIDENT AND FOR SENATE: TRAN-VAN-DON (13), NGUYEN-VAN-CU (6); VU-QUOC-THUC (4); PHAN-BA-CAM (10); AND TRAN-VAN-DO (17).

3. COMMENT: IF REPORTS ARE TUUE, BUDDHISTS WOULD APPEAR TO BE HAVING DIFFICULTIES GETTING "RIGHT" LIST OF SENATE SLATES DISSEMINATED. LEAFLET FOUND IN HUE AND REPORTED IN SITREP AND THAT FOUND IN DANANG LISTED ABOVE DO NOT SEEM TO CONFORM TO INFORMATION RECEIVED. HOWEVER, DON AND CU LISTS CONSTENTLY APPEAR, ADDITION OF THUC AND DO LISTS INTERESTING, PARITCULARLY IN VIEW OF FACT BOTH LISTS APPEAR GENERALLY TO BE ACCEPTED LOCALLY AS GVN LISTS. CAM'S LIST, IF IT IS STILL ONE OF CHOSEN LISTS, WAS PROBABLY CHOSEN BECAUSE OF ASSOCIATION IN ALL RELIGION'S CITIZENS FRONT. FACT THAT LETTER WAS REPORTED AS ARRIVING IN HUE ONLY YESTERDAY AND THAT LEAFLETS APPEARED IN DANANG BY THIS MORNING PROBABLY INDICATE FAIRLY WIDE DISSEMINATION OF INSTRUCTION RATHER THAN COMING DOWN THROUGH HIERARCHY.

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